

Monoxide Fumes Kills 3 In St. Joseph

Police Say Mother Committed Suicide

A St. Joseph mother took her own life by asphyxiation Monday and two other members of her family died accidentally, in the process, Police Chief Tom Gillespie theorized.

Dead from auto engine carbon monoxide fumes that filled their split-level home

at 2720 Lake View avenue are: Mrs. Mary Jane Teron, 39; her husband, Gregory J., 42, an industrial executive, and a daughter, Michele, 15.

GIRL SURVIVES

Another daughter, Wendy, 7, was found unconscious in a bedroom and

taken to Memorial hospital where she was reported in guarded condition today. Gillespie said it appeared that Mrs. Teron had taken her own life by asphyxiation — sitting in the family car with the motor running in a closed garage — and the other deaths were acci-

dental. St. Joseph police discovered the tragedy about 5 p.m. Monday when they broke into the home in response to a call from Teron's employer, Arthur Blyveis, president of Central Pipe and Steel and Central Fabricators, M-139,

Benton township. Blyveis was concerned because Teron, vice president of sales, had failed to report for work. Dr. W. H. Benner, medical examiner, ruled the three deaths were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. He said the victims died during the early morning hours of Monday.

Mrs. Teron's clothed body was found in the front seat of a late model convertible in the closed garage. The ignition key was on, engine and battery were dead and the gas tank was empty. The car's clock read 8:20.

There were no marks of violence on the bodies and the house was in order. Lights were on, a radio was playing and two pet gerbils were found dead in a cage. Gillespie said it appeared that Teron had heard the car engine running, left the master bedroom and was going to the garage to investigate when he was overcome. He was unclothed.

A friend of the family said Mr. and Mrs. Teron had quarreled Sunday night, police reported. After receiving the call from Blyveis, police checked St. Joseph high school and determined that Michele was not in school Monday. Officers then went to the house, found it locked and broke in through the back door.

The Terons have a son, Pvt. Gregory J. Teron at Fort Bragg, N. C., who was notified of the deaths by the Red Cross and another daughter, Mrs. Timothy (Sherry) Treffry, Battle Creek.

FUNERAL THURSDAY
Triple funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Kerlikowski and Starks funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today.

Mr. Teron was born Dec. 31, 1928, in Chicago and moved to this area in 1960 from Indiana. He attended the University of Chicago. He was married to the former Mary Jane Bishop, Aug. 28, 1950, in New Buffalo.

Other survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Teron of Chicago; three brothers, Al and Geoffrey of Traverse City and Boris of Chicago. Mrs. Teron was born in New Buffalo, July 22, 1931. In addition to her three children, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs.



MRS. MARY TERON



GREGORY TERON



MICHELE TERON

Three In Family Killed By Fumes



WENDY TERON
Clings To Life

Kenneth Bishop of Florida. Michele was born in Michigan City July 19, 1955, and was a 10th grade student at St. Joseph high school.

The Rev. Sidney Short, pastor of the First United Methodist church, St. Joseph, will officiate at the services Thursday.

Washington House Shows Appreciation

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The Washington House voted Monday to appropriate \$5 from the members' locker room fund to buy Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., "a bottle of cheap American champagne."

The resolution, adopted by voice vote, noted that Senate opponents of the supersonic transport, led by Proxmire, toasted their victory with champagne from plastic cups.

Loss of funds for the SST will bring about immediate loss of 15,000 jobs in the State of Washington, sponsors of the resolution said.

Calley Guilty; Faces Sentence Verdict Today

FT. BENNING, Ga. (AP) — Bright-eyed and cheerful after his first night in the stockade, Lt. William Calley Jr. returned to the courtroom today for a life-or-death sentence that can be tempered only by a long string of reviewing authorities.

He was escorted by six military policemen to the little one-story courthouse where a jury of six combat officers convicted him Monday of murdering at least 22 civilians in the blood bath of My Lai.

"Hi, how you doing?" he greeted a newsman walking past his lawyer's office. The small room was crowded with friends.

Attorneys were in court this morning to work with the military judge on instructions he'll give to the jury. The arguments on the sentence were to begin at 1 p.m. and were likely to be concluded today.

BOMB THROWN

During the night someone threw a bottle of gasoline at the courthouse where Calley's trial spanned the seasons from autumn into spring. The bottle landed on the lawn and burned only a small patch of grass.

Calley, of Miami, Fla., took the jury's decision with head high, his manner soldierly correct. But he was shaken by a verdict he didn't expect.

The night in the stockade's private officers' quarters — in a two-room suite — was Calley's first time in confinement since he was charged one and a half years ago.

He is the first American accused in the massacre; the first to be convicted.

ALL HELLS AT ONCE

"The thing that makes My Lai so unique, it was a small tragedy in a small place," he said in

an interview with The Associated Press. "For once, man was able to see all the hells of war at once."

In court this afternoon, Calley's 70-year-old lawyer pleads with the jury to spare the 27-year-old bachelor lieutenant's life. The lawyer, George Latimer of Salt Lake City, earlier had called Calley a pigeon, "the lowest officer on the totem pole in this whole business."

The jurors will be informed by Judge Reid Kennedy that under military law their choice is only between life in prison and death. Five of the jurors must agree to a life sentence, all six for death.

Should there not be five votes, for at least life, the jury would

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Crash Hurts Man With New Heart

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Donald L. Kaminski, 42, of Alpena, who received a new heart in a transplant operation Dec. 2, 1968, suffered cracked ribs and other injuries today in an auto accident in the Detroit area, the University of Michigan Medical Center reported.

Kaminski's condition was not immediately reported.

He was brought to the U-M Medical Center Ann Arbor for hospitalization.

Kaminski, the only living U-M transplant heart patient, has lived an active life since recovering from the operation. He has continued to fish, hunt, and go to the horse races, among other things.

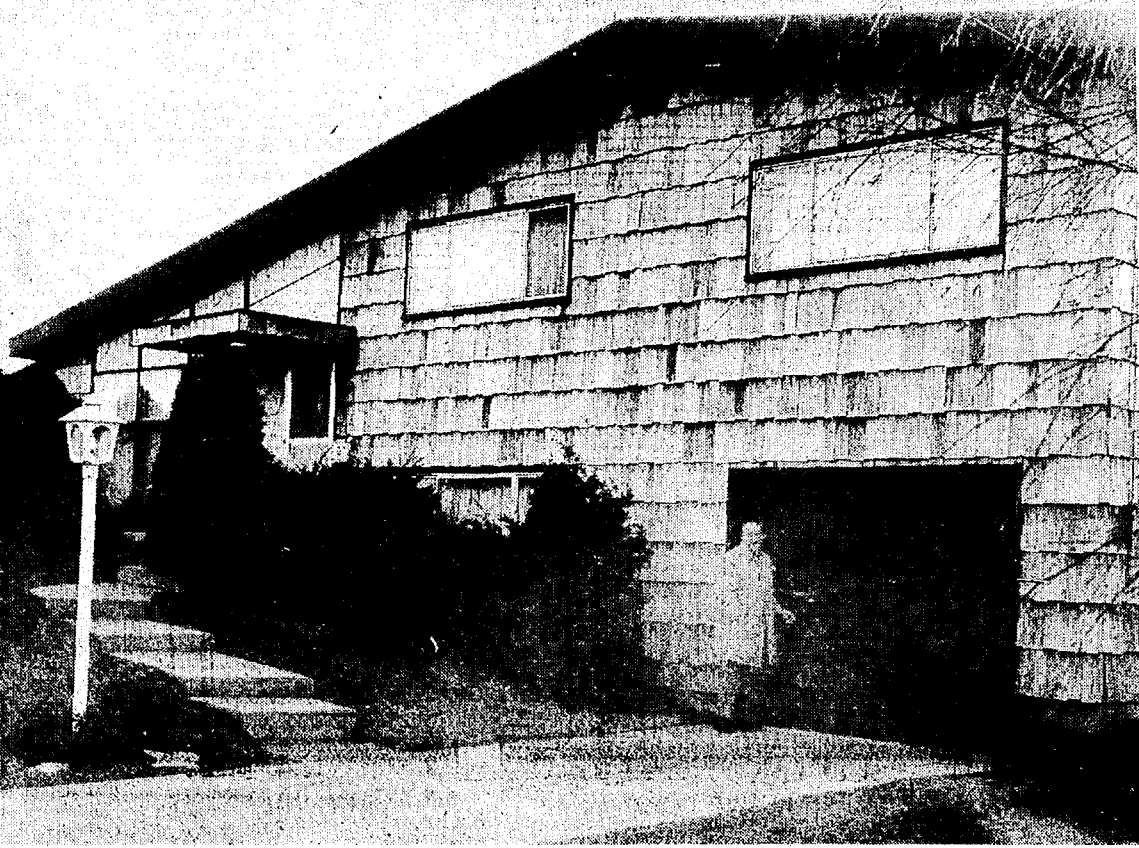
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SCENE OF TRAGEDY: Bodies of three members of the Gregory J. Teron family were found late Monday afternoon in their split-level home at 2720 Lake View avenue, St. Joseph. Cause of deaths was ruled carbon monoxide poisoning from car motor running in side closed garage. Police Chief Tom Gillespie inspects garage door minutes after bodies were found. Dead are Teron, his wife and a daughter. Another daughter was found unconscious and was in serious condition at Memorial hospital. (Staff photo)

BH School Board Endorses Panel To Study Problems

Benton Harbor board of education last night gave unanimous endorsement to appointment of a "blue ribbon committee" to study problems of the dissection-torn district.

The board called on the County Intermediate board to appoint the committee, urging that it be

all-encompassing and pledging "complete cooperation" of Benton Harbor Area schools.

In other action, the Benton Harbor board voted to hold the line on taxes, at least temporarily. It voted to seek renewal of 14.85 mills in a special election April 26.

However, Supt. Mark Lewis warned that it was obvious to the board and administration that renewal of the millage "will not pay the bill for the improved educational program we hope to have next year."

MORE MILLAGE?

He added it may be necessary to come back with a request for additional millage when the outcome of salary negotiations and state aid is known. The alternative could be major cut-backs.

Expired millage is 13.85 for operating and one mill for building and site.

The blue ribbon study committee was suggested March 19 by the Intermediate board at the same time it announced a 3 to 2 vote denying transfer of West Fairplain to St. Joseph. The proposal said a committee should study all possibilities for solution to the district's problems, including structural reorganization.

The Benton Harbor board's resolution last night said that among possible actions is "re-vamping district boundaries consistent with requirements of state and federal laws."

COUNTY WIDE LEVEL

Others include education of the disadvantaged on a county-wide level and development of vocational education on a county-wide basis in a wide spectrum of skills covering

service and manufacturing occupations.

(The latter two are similar to suggestions made in an editorial of this newspaper Feb. 24, which said that Benton Harbor's burden of educating the culturally disadvantaged should be spread on a county-wide level.

It also would benefit other districts with similar but less

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PASSENGERS RELEASED: Released passengers walk from hijacked Philippine Airlines plane Tuesday at Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport, where twin-jet plane stopped for refueling enroute to Red China. Five young men, four of them Filipinos and one possibly a Eurasian or Chinese, seized plane at gunpoint during domestic flight in Philippines and ordered

pilot to fly to Communist China. Hijackers freed 20 of 45 passengers during stop at Hong Kong, where airport officials predicted Red Chinese would send plane, remaining passengers and five crewmen back quickly. Four Americans were among passengers. (AP Wirephoto)



MISS BARODA: Kathy Reitz, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baroda, was crowned Baroda blossom queen in contest last night. Baroda is 15th of 28 communities picking queens to vie for title of Miss Blossomtime. Miss Blossomtime will reign over Southwestern Michigan Blossom Festival in early May. Account of last night's queen choosing on page 17. (Staff photo)

Defunct Legislative Dental Plan Hit Again

LANSING (AP) — The state representative who sued the Michigan House over its proposed dental plan now has asked Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley to sue the insurer for "entering into an illegal contract with the House."

Rep. Jim Brown, R-Okemos, called for the suit against Delta Dental Plan Inc. after his own

court action against the House was dismissed late last week by Ingham County Circuit Judge Jack Warren.

SHOWS CONTRACT

Warren refused to carry the question further after an attorney for the House, Lawrence Lindemer, submitted papers showing the contract with Delta Dental — granting members and their

families up to \$600 worth of free dental care a year — was terminated.

Brown said Monday, however, that he believes Delta entered into an "invalid contract" with the House and Kelley should take action against the insurer.

Brown also asked Kelley to declare that the House acted without proper authority when it hir-

ed Lindemer to defend it against his suit.

"This is throwing good money after bad," Brown said, adding that he considered it improper for the House to pay a private attorney from public funds. "The attorney general is perfectly able to handle such cases and at no additional cost to the taxpayers," Brown said.

Brown asked Kelley also to

"settle the question of the constitutionality of the state providing fringe benefits to legislators, the governor, lieutenant governor and members of the Supreme Court without recommendation of the (State Officers) Compensation Commission."

IT SETS PAY

The commission, acting under authority of the State Constitu-

tion has power to set pay levels for Michigan's top officials and members of the Legislature.

Brown contends that any benefits not authorized by the commission — such as use of state-owned cars by supreme court justices — is contrary to the State Constitution.

A spokesman for Kelley had no comment on Brown's requests.

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Postal Service Reverting To Its Original Concept

The May 1st change from operating the Postal Service as a Department in the Presidential cabinet to a government owned corporation is assumed to be a somewhat radical departure from the past.

More accurately, it is an illustration of old wine being poured from one flask to another.

The Colonial governments of the 17th and 18th centuries conducted postal services under royal grants, or special appointment by legislatures owing their existence to the crown.

Massachusetts was the first of these colonial systems, starting at Boston in 1639, and soon to be followed by the Virginia colony.

The postmaster received a fee for each letter handled through his office, usually his residence. He, in turn, hired riders to pick up and deliver the mails.

The private enterprise spirit quickly intruded itself into this organization. The official riders took to running their own sideline services.

The first parcel post of any

One Way To Pay

In response to the financial plight of many colleges and universities, private as well as public, a number of plans are being proposed both in and out of the academic community to cope with the worsening situation.

Some of the proposals are not new. They simply involve raising tuitions, restricting enrollments, curtailing building expansions and the like. But at least one of the two plans is receiving considerable attention because they involve the principle that the student should pay back every cent of the cost of his education—after graduation.

The Yale plan, recently unveiled and scheduled to go into effect this fall, will permit students to repay tuition based on their incomes and take as long as 35 years to do it.

In Ohio, Gov. John Gilligan has asked the legislature to enact a law requiring graduates of the state's four-year public colleges to repay, based on income, the part of their educational costs subsidized by the state.

This latter plan has come under heavy fire as a form of deferred taxation, but nevertheless the concept of tuition reimbursement after graduation, even over a protracted period of time, is receiving gradual acceptance. If costs continue rising, it may be the only way to go to college for many in the next generation.

One Sided Pitch

The delegation of 28 big city mayors which met with the President and Congressional leaders in Washington to demonstrate the serious financial plight of the cities undoubtedly helped impress upon everyone the predicament they are in, even if they may have returned home somewhat confused about what the federal government will or can do to help them.

In all the words which were spoken, perhaps Mayor Maurice Landrieu of New Orleans summed up the delegation's position best when he said: "We've taxed everything that moves and

everything that stands still. If it moves, we tax it again."

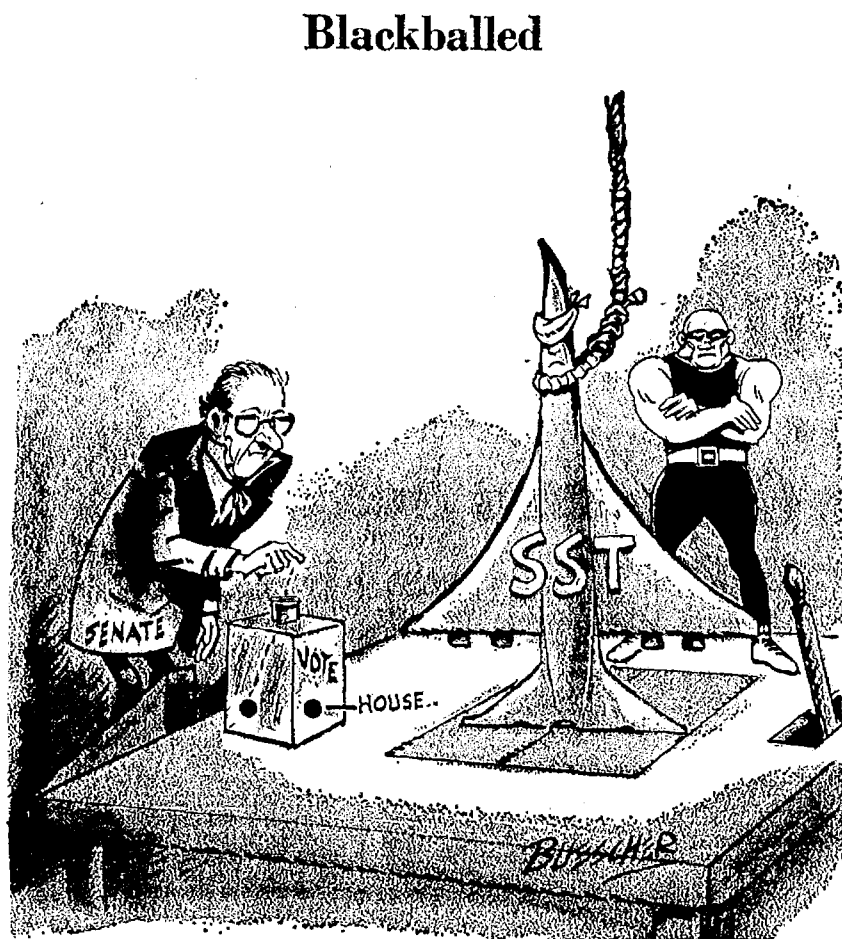
That is true enough, as most urban dwellers will confirm. The emphasis, both in that remark and almost everything else said by the mayors while they were in Washington, was that tax revenues must be increased, whether from federal revenue sharing or an additional local source.

Nothing was mentioned about trying to find, in concert with one another, some way of eliminating the need for new taxes or even reducing the present heavy burden. In short, cost control.

There is something incongruous about the fact that a number of the nation's largest cities, each of whose population is larger than that of many states, and despite record levels of taxation, are broke.

Admittedly, cities such as New York, Philadelphia and New Orleans have problems smaller communities do not have, but the rapid growth of taxation and public spending by those cities at least suggests that regardless of how much revenue relief they are able to find, within a short period of time they will be back in the same straits unless the mayors are able to make a successful attack on the cost push promoting the need for ever more revenue.

Too little emphasis has been placed on that side of the coin.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

MILLIKEN WILL STOP HERE ON THURSDAY
Gov. William P. Milliken is scheduled to confer briefly with twin city area officials Thursday during an "environmental fly-in" to at least six cities.

The fly-in was announced by Milliken as a way to see what was being done and what had to be done in the battle against air and water pollution. He has said the 1970s are the time to act on these problems.

JFK WINS REPUBLICANS
President Kennedy now has a solid victory over Republicans in Congress on the depressed areas issue. But Democrats have to settle a raging controversy among themselves before the industry-stimulating program can become law.

The House and Senate both have passed bills providing for a \$349 million loan and grant program to try to get job-

making factories going in areas of high continuing unemployment. The House acted yesterday, passing the Kennedy bill 250-167 after knocking down, 291-125, a scaled-down Republican substitute.

BELGRADE MAY JOIN RUSSIA
German propaganda guns were turned against Yugoslavia today, with declarations that the Balkan kingdom was ridden with "uncontrollable hate. . . inciters doing their work. . . German nationalists insulted and molested. . . the whole country in a state of turbulence."

Rivaling outbursts against Poland shortly before Hitler's military juggernaut invaded that neighboring nation, the criticism came from authorized Nazi quarters in Berlin which declared, for the first time, that they were unable to comment further on political events in Belgrade.

NEW RATE
Users of electric power in this area will save approximately \$150,000 per year under a new rate schedule for two classes of service to be filed soon with the Michigan public utilities commission by the Indiana and Michigan Electric company.

OPEN HOME
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Phelps and son, Ralph, have returned from Biloxi, Miss., and will open their farm home south of this city.

TAKES POSITION
William Wilcox has taken the position vacated by Eldred Wheeler at Rice Brothers store.

LOVELY SHIP
The Magdalena is the first schooner to put her nose into St. Joseph harbor this season. She came loaded with lumber this afternoon.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press:

TRASH RECYCLING PLANS

United for Survival, Inc., certainly appreciates the support our Operation Recycling is receiving.

We had intended to accumulate at a drop site, the three colors of glass (clear, amber and green), newspapers and magazines, and cans, during Earth Week, April 19 through 24. From the number of phone calls we received, it became clear that people were running out of garage storage space already and so, with the cooperation of local businesses, we were able to open the drop site at the Sears parking lot on Saturday.

We hope that those who can store these items until Earth Week will do so, for then we will be able to unload their autos directly to the trucks which will haul the items to the recycling center, but for those who have run out of space, the Sears drop site is open and will be manned on Saturdays.

If any of your readers have the time to volunteer to help with pick-ups during Earth Week and to help us man the drop site, we urge them to come to the recycling meeting at the Maud Preston Palenske library, St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m., and volunteer their services. A postcard stating when and where they can help and giving name and address, can be sent to United for Survival, P. O. Box 1011, Benton Harbor, will get them "signed up" too.

We'd like to stress that this could easily be a county-wide project. The students at LMC have set up a drop site at their Napier Campus. The Eau Claire Math and Science club has been recycling for over a year. We could act as the accumulation point for the entire county or each community could handle its own. It takes only one interested group in each community to start the ball rolling.

It is regrettable that we cannot offer at this time to pay at least a token sum for these items. We have no experience to help us determine whether income from recycling will cover expenses. After Earth Week we'll know more and, hopefully, will have sufficient money left to set up a permanent collection point for

recyclable items.

At this time, then, it will require a personal dedication on the part of the public to help us preserve our natural resources and reduce the mounds of rubbish our society is accumulating.

JOAN HEINICKE, Benton Harbor; MARJORIE HARTWIG, St. Joseph; Recycling Co-chairmen

Editor, The Herald-Press:

PRISON REFORM

Numbered among the nation's high priorities is that of prison reform, which in itself is now a new shroud on an old carcass.

"Walls do not a prison make, or iron bars a cage." Some wise sage had that quote in mind long years before the eminent Roscoe Pound became a national figure in the art and science of criminology. If my memory serves me right Mr. Pound said in one of his orations: "Reduce crime by simpler laws and reformatory punishment."

This is more easily said than done. Prisons, penitentiaries, reformatories and jails were never intended to be institutions for reformation, but places wherein retribution, or, in other words, payment must be made for offenses committed against society. Irrespective of the vast changes in our social order, human nature has never changed. The same evils that began with Cain and Abel control each of us in this Year of Our Lord, 1971.

Legislative enactments cannot by any stretch of the imagination or hope of mankind control or alter the human emotions, but the close association of convicted felons, especially those convicted of sex offenses can be and should be not only prevented but prohibited. To control our prison population, segregation of inmates is a prime necessity. Therefore, the assignment of more than one prisoner to a cell ought to be stopped permanently for that in itself is the breeder of every type of criminal offense against society and it encourages homosexuality.

Recent publicity in New York institutions demonstrated this fact. One prisoner to a cell except during working hours or recreation periods should be the rule in every penal institution.

Solitary confinement may be necessary under certain conditions, but complete isolation from other prisoners, one's relatives and friends and the franchises of the law abiding will do more for the rehabilitation of prison inmates than all the simpler laws and reformatory punishment hereinbefore referred to. There is no punishment on this earth, other than physical, more painful spiritually and mentally than the punishment of loneliness. . . of being alone through the days, weeks and months. Millions of the aged, ill and poverty stricken individuals and the countless senior citizens, alone with their thoughts, are mute testimony of the chronic ailment of loneliness.

Adopt this type of penalty in our penal institutions and the results will justify the means for no inmate will be anxious to return to a life filled with nothing but a review, a daily one, of himself and the price to be paid for his failure to recognize the rights of others and the failure of his ability to measure up to the standards, reputation and character of his peers at large in an organized society.

Three evils are the road blocks to prison reform; first, the long sentence; second, the indeterminate sentence; and third, the parole system.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS, Bridgman

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

Ever since he was taught that the Sun, like the Earth, rotates from West to East, Junior has been wanting to know which is copying what.

About 88 per cent of the world's glacial ice is in the Arctic, Antarctic and Greenland — Factograph item. Where — if you don't mind us saying so — it strictly belongs.

At the time that wonderful song, "The Star-Spangled Banner," was written, our flag actually had only 15 stars and a total of 15 stripes. Seems the composer also could have called it "The Stripe Spangled Banner."

DR. COLEMAN .. And Speaking Of Your Health

BESIDES the physical closeness between a mother and child, are there any other good reasons why the modern mother should breast-feed her infant?

Mrs. T. R., Wash.

Dear Mrs. R.: To breast-feed or not to breast-feed has become mother's big question, with devotees and antagonists.

To some, it has become a status symbol of the intellectual mother; to others, it has become a boring and unnecessary chore.

Although the psychological closeness between a mother and newborn child who is breast-fed may have lasting value to both, it must be emphasized to those who do not or cannot breast-feed that a guilty feeling is unnecessary. The likelihood is that the child will grow and flourish well by either means of nourishment.

In recent study, Dr. Alice K. Ladas, a recognized authority on the general concept of breast feeding, states that there seem to be fewer allergic and respiratory problems, and less frequent digestive disorders and infectious diseases, among breast-fed infants.

It has also been said that the uterus or womb of the mother tends to return more rapidly to normal when she breast-feeds her baby.

Dr. Ladas believes that mothers should have a greater understanding of all the advantages and disadvantages of breast-feeding before making their decision. Too often, that decision depends on the pressures made by peer groups rather than on personal conviction.

My husband had malaria in Southeast Asia. Is it possible for him to transmit the disease to our two small children?

Mrs. J. D., Tex.

Dear Mrs. D.: Malaria is transmitted to man through the bite of an infected anopheles mosquito. Rarely is malaria transmitted in any other way.

If, as I assume, your husband was treated with one of the many drugs that destroy the malarial parasite, you and your children need not live in fear of being infected or contaminated.

This is a good time to remind everyone who has ever had malaria never to donate his blood for transfusion. Even those people who are totally free of all symptoms of malaria may, even after many years, still harbor the parasite in their bloodstream.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: It is much wiser to "bother" your doctor early in an illness than to await complications before consulting him.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER Contract Bridge

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ J82
♥ A J 9
♦ J 7 4
♠ A Q 5 3

WEST
♦ K 9 7
♥ 4 3
♦ 10 9 8 6
♠ 10 9 6 2

EAST
♦ Q 10 5 4
♥ 7 6
♦ Q 5 3 2
♠ K 8 4

SOUTH
♦ A 6 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2
♦ A K
♠ J 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♠ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — Ten of diamonds.

You get to bad contracts once in a while, and the best you can do is give them the old college try and hope the gods will be kind.

Certainly it is hard to blame South for getting to six after his partner had opened with a club and immediately raised two hearts to three.

Hard West led a spade, the slam would surely have failed, but West made the more normal lead of a diamond. South saw at once that he was far from a favorite to make the contract, but he also saw that the situation was not altogether hopeless.

He won the diamond with the ace, crossed to dummy with a trump, and played a low club. In the actual case, East rose with the king and the outcome was that South was later able to discard two spades on the A-Q of clubs and thus bring home the slam.

Note that declarer would also have made the hand had East followed low on the club lead from dummy. In that case South would win with the jack, play the seven of clubs to establish the queen as a trick. South would lose only a spade trick on this method of play.

Note also that South would unquestionably have gone down had he started the clubs by leading one from his hand towards dummy. Declarer had squarely calculated that a club finesse, even if it won, would not salvage the situation, and that his only real chance was to reject the finesse in the hope that East had the king.

RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. Who wrote "Crime and Punishment"?
2. Who wrote "War and Peace"?
3. Who wrote "The Web and the Rock"?
4. Who wrote "Arsenic and Old Lace"?
5. Who wrote "Sons and Lovers"?

YOUR FUTURE

There should be an improvement in your affairs. Today's child will be ambitious, acquisitive, industrious.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

PHRASEOLOGY — (FRAY-zee-ology) — noun; the manner or style of verbal expression; characteristic language.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1858 the pencil with an attached eraser was patented.

BORN TODAY

Francisco Jose de Goya y Lucientes, painter and etcher, was little known outside his native Spain until nearly the turn of the century, yet he exerted a profound influence on modern art.

Eugene Delacroix, Honore Daumier and Edouard Manet were among the first to be influenced by his visionary representation of the world and by his approach to art, from which he banished concepts of composition and draftsmanship in order to give color the role of unifying loosely constructed paintings and of defining the forms.

Goya worked for the Royal

Workshop as a designer of cartoons and became Royal Painter in 1786.

After the death of Charles III, Goya went on to serve his son, Charles IV, portraying the king, family and the nobility in brilliant, cruelly truthful paintings. These paintings rank among the most discerning in the world of art.

Although a severe disease left him deaf at 47, the following years mark the peak of his fame.

He reacted in tortured fashion to the inhumanity of the period of the Spanish War of Independence against Napoleon's occupation and of Ferdinand VII's reign (1814-1820).

Goya painted scenes of madness, disasters and satanism and executed a series of etchings in which he indicted violence and murder with bitter realism. He censured the moral dishonesty of those who would not rebel against human misery.

In 1823 Goya left for Bordeaux, France, where he painted with unshaken confidence and originality. He left behind an extensive production.

He died in 1828.

Others born today include Sean O'Casey and Frankie Laine.

IT'S BEEN SAID

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything. — Edward Phelps.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Feodor Dostoevski.
2. Count Tolstoy.
3. Thomas Wolfe.
4. Joseph Kesselring.
5. D. H. Lawrence.

Factograph

Mexico was once inhabited by the Aztecs.

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Lakeshore Voters Reject Proposed Millage 2-1

Superintendent Proposes Drastic Cuts

By SANDRA WALLACE
Staff Writer

Lakeshore voters rejected a 9.5 mill school tax package in a special election Monday by an almost 2 to 1 margin.

Unofficial vote tallies show 1,592 no votes and 804 yes votes out of 2,396 ballots cast in the election to raise operational monies.

Lionel Stacey, superintendent, called the defeat "a catastrophe" since the 9.5 mill

represented one quarter or about \$595,586 of next year's budget. The levy included renewal of six mills which expired in December plus an additional 3.5 mills.

He blamed the defeat on a tight economy and the fact that school millage elections are the only opportunity for residents to vote on taxes.

Stacey proposed \$644,925 in cuts in school programs to offset the loss. The cuts would

eliminate the bus transportation program, drop 21 teachers from the staff, put elementary principals in the classroom for half-days as teachers, drop all coaches salaries and extra duty salaries for teachers, cut high school course offerings to five classes a day instead of six and cut vocational education courses.

Stacey also recommended seeking a vote on a new millage request May 17.

A special board meeting was called for April 5 at 8 p.m. to review the proposed recommendations.

William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, told the board the budget deficit, in view of the defeat, amounted to \$723,545 or \$127,884 more than the levy would have produced even had it passed.

"The people just didn't believe that even if the 9.5 mills

had been approved, we still would have had a deficit of \$127,884 just to maintain our current programs," Galbreath told the board.

Besides cuts that Stacey proposed to the board, Galbreath said additional staff members, a counselor and assistant principal recommended for accreditation by the North Central Association review teams, would also be cut from the budget.

Other cuts would be to driver education, noon lunch supervisors, a junior high secretary, all intra-mural sports, the custodial staff, the entire elementary school's music, library, physical education, art and counseling programs; audio visual materials, teaching and office supplies and the junior high's programs other than academic classes and band and music.

FURTHER CUTS

Galbreath said all these cuts would still leave a \$78,000 deficit, and the school board could choose dropping additional teachers or guidance personnel from the staff to balance that amount.

Donald Gast and John Steinke, both board members and C. Alan Robertson, chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, indicated a May vote would be too early to introduce the millage election again.

Gast said he had talked with many district voters and "I don't think they're going to be easy to convince. They seem to be testing us." R. James Johnson, another board member, said "many of the 'no' votes weren't anti-education but anti-taxes."

The board indicated a more favorable date for another election would be June 14, the annual school election date.

DELAY EXPENSIVE

Stacey said the delay in time would cost the district time for planning a school program for next year, assigning classes and it would hinder teacher salary negotiations.

"It would be impossible for me to try and sit down and talk salaries with the LEA (Lakeshore Education Association) without knowing how much money we have or don't have to work with next year," Stacey told the board.

"We've spent 13 years building up this fine system and being able to pick extremely well-qualified teachers. I think I feel the worst about losing some of our best teachers because of this millage defeat," Stacey said.

WILL BE SENT LETTERS

About 50 probationary teachers, first and second year instructors at Lakeshore, will be sent letters to let them know the district's financial outlook and prepare them if they want to seek another job.

The board approved the mailing of the letter in action last night.

Stacey told the board, "We didn't threaten the residents with anything. We told them we have additional students expected next year, that there is no help coming from the state and that the state already made us spend 1 1/2 mills more than we had last year. Now the people will know, we're telling it just like it is."

No Danger Seen In Fattener

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture officials have told Congress there is "no danger" a chemical livestock fattener could leave cancer-producing residues in meat sold to the public.

But they agreed federal testing for residues of the chemical, Diethylstilbestrol (DES) — used by cattlemen since 1954 — has not been adequate.



PONDER CUTS: Lionel Stacey, Lakeshore superintendent, at head of table, proposed budget cuts of \$644,925 in a special school board meeting Monday night. He recommended the cuts, over one-quarter of the school's budget, when district voters turned down a 9.5 mill levy in a decisive 2 to 1 vote margin during Monday's special election for operating monies. From left, Gloria Vanderbeck, curriculum coordinator, Mrs. Yvonne Davis, secretary, Jack Stover, WHFB news director, Stacey, and John Steinke and Donald Gast, board members. (Staff photo)

BH Will Close South Side Fire Station April 1

Benton Harbor's south side fire station at 372 Empire avenue will be closed, effective at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 1, the city commission ruled last night.

The reason is lack of money to fully man both the south side engine company and central station in city hall.

The commission, with two members absent, voted six-to-one in supporting of a resolution to close the station.

Voting against the closing was Commissioner Edward Merrill, who said the station is too vital to a densely populated area to be closed.

TWO ABSENT

Absent were Commissioners John Stancik and F. Joseph Flough. Flough, reported to be in Florida on vacation, has urged that the station be kept open.

Voting with spoken reluctance in support of the closing were Mayor Wilbert Smith and commissioners T. Gregory Longpre,



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: The Rev. W. E. Ellis, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church (left) receives from Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith a framed certificate commending Rev. Ellis for many years of service. City commission approved resolution for Rev. Ellis' 79th birthday March 15, and presentation was made last night. (Staff photo)

SJ Tables Demolition Proceedings

St. Joseph city commissioners last night tabled demolition proceedings against a house at 904 Harrison avenue upon assurance that building inspection orders are being met.

The house, owned by Wilbur Wolske, was ordered demolished at the commission meeting Feb. 22. City Manager Leland Hill told commissioners then that Wolske, a St. Joseph contractor, obtained building permits in 1969 but that no work had been done.

A group of residents from the 900 block of Harrison avenue supported Hill's statements at the Feb. 22 meeting, claiming the house had been vacant for three years and was drawing rats and mice.

BEING CLEANED

Last night, Wolske told the commissioners he had been unable to begin repairs until "financing became more readily available at the beginning of this month." Wolske added that the outside of the house is being cleaned once a week.

"We are going to paint the outside very soon and the inside will be renovated beyond the inspection notice to create two apartments," Wolske explained. "Heating requirements have been completed and plumbing is in the process," he said.

Carl Conklin, St. Joseph safety inspector, said all permits had been taken for the building and the "work is progressing rapidly."

OKAY REQUEST

In other business, the commissioners approved a request by the Lions Club to hold White Cane tag day April 23, and 24.

Referred to the planning commission a request by Richard Ludwig, a St. Joseph real estate broker, for a special use permit to construct a 12-unit apartment building at 1117 Niles avenue.

Received a report from City Manager Hill showing the cost for snow and ice removal to be \$60,361.40 from Nov. 14, 1970, through this week. The cost for a similar period last year was \$63,138.85, according to Hill.

Virgil May, Otis Joseph, Daniel Chapman and Ralph Lhotka.

City Manager Don Stewart said that while the station is to be closed, the building will be maintained and secured for possible re-activation, if enough money is forthcoming.

City residents on May 24 will vote a second time on a six-mill proposition, aimed at raising money to meet pay hikes for all city employees.

Stewart reported that the fire department is six men short, and the quota will not be filled, unless money is available for pay increases. He said that because the city is under arbitration orders to raise police pay 16 per cent between July 1 and next Jan. 1, the only alternative to meet the increases is to have fewer employees.

Stewart said the south side station currently has three men on each of three shifts — not enough to man a station. He said the central station has seven men for each of three shifts — also considered inadequate. Stewart said by closing the south side station, the central station will have ten men for each shift.

In other business, the commission approved a request by LOVE (Ladies on Voter Education) for a permit to hold a dance Friday, at the Emil Meyer building, 202 Ninth street.

The commission voted to request a permit from the State Highway department to close I-94 business route (Main street) for the Blossom parade May 8.



ON POSTAL PROPERTY: Acting Benton Harbor Postmaster George Westfield takes photograph of damage caused by car that cut across shrubbery on post office lawn after sideswiping a truck yesterday on Britain avenue. Driver of car, John R. Brown, 55, of 220 South Crystal avenue, Benton township, told City Patrolman John Polmanteer he fell asleep at the wheel. Truck was driven by James A. Higgins, 37, of Kentwood. Impact tore one tire and rim off rear dual wheel of truck. Brown received minor injuries and was treated and released from Benton Harbor Mercy hospital. (Staff photo)

WEDNESDAY BHHS Skill Center Plans Open House

Benton Harbor High School sophomores and their parents are invited to personally inspect the skill training facilities and visit with the faculty of the high school's Skill Center, 373 South Fair avenue at an open house Wednesday.

The Skill Center, where seven of the 12 programs of skills training offered in the high school are conducted, will be open to visitors from 7-9 Wednesday, according to Neal Blinkman, director of vocational education.

Instructors in auto body repair, auto mechanics, building trades, vocational drafting, electronics, graphic arts and machine trades courses will be on hand to show equipment, inform students and parents about their courses, and answer questions, said Blinkman.

A "tour guide" map of the Skill Center, prepared by vocational drafting students and printed in the Graphic Arts center, will be provided each visitor at a registration desk to aid in locating instruction areas. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tour.

Members of the board of education, principals of all Benton Harbor Area schools, and the faculty of BHHS, have been given a special invitation to tour the Skill Center during the open house. The general public is also invited.

Main purpose of the open house is to give all Benton Harbor high school sophomores and their parents, an opportunity to see for themselves the opportunities available to them in vocational education courses at the Skill Center.

Open house visitors are urged to use the north parking lot which enters off Fair avenue. Only the building's north entrance will be open, with a registration area and guides available there.

Home Care Important

Sammie Smith, executive director of the Benton Harbor-Benton township housing commissions, spoke to the members of the Benton Harbor NAACP Sunday on "home care and housekeeping."

A house talks, he said. Often, it expresses the self-pride of the occupant and the respect that he has for his neighbor and the community as a whole, he said. Parents can engender this training in their children by setting an example, he said.

Smith said that unless people improve their habits for discarding trash, they will eventually bury themselves in litter. This litter is a natural breeding place for disease-carrying animals and presents a health hazard to the community, he said.

"Regardless of what your status may be — renter, lessee, house buyer, homeowner or landlord — you each have a certain responsibility to the home and to the community in which the house is located," he said.

That responsibility is to keep the dwelling and property decent, safe, sanitary and in a good tenable condition, he said.

Smith spoke at the Union Memorial A.M.E. church on Crystal avenue.

Teacher, Bus Cuts Prepared In St. Joe If Fund Pinch Hits

The St. Joseph school board has formally approved the dismissal of 25 teachers for the next school year because of lack of funds. Other main points of an austerity program unveiled last night include a cutback in the bus program and a reduction in the athletic program.

All but nine of the 25 teachers would be offered their jobs back, however, if the district obtains needed funds by budget time in late June.

Five of the 25 teachers dismissed are either retiring or resigning, leaving four jobs that will be definitely eliminated.

HINGS ON MILLAGE

Whether the other 16 teachers will be rehired or replaced depends mainly on the outcome of the June 14 millage election. The amount of millage to be requested has not been set because the board is waiting to hear how much state aid will be received and how much local property valuation will be.

The cutbacks were outlined by Supt. Richard Ziemer and approved by the school board meeting at Lincoln elementary school.

If the millage issue is defeated, the massive deduction of the teaching staff will mean that the education program will have to be reduced. Junior and Senior high students will then

be able to take only the required five subjects a semester. An extra subject is now optional and some 70 per cent of the students are taking advantage of this extra offer.

400 MUST WALK

The cutback would also mean 400 students now riding buses will walk. The athletic program will also be reduced one-sixth by the reduction of coaching positions.

In essence the reductions are designed that the students will

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Jack Graham (left) and John Hausler are student non-voting members of the Benton Harbor board of education, selected in a vote by fellow students. While they legally can't vote on issues, they have the same right as any board member to speak out.

Cleanup Meeting Tonight

SODUS — Residents of Sodus township are encouraged to meet tonight at the township hall to plan the township's sixth annual roadside cleanup.

Ronald Schroeder, township treasurer and chairman of the cleanup for the past six years, said the meeting was called to pick this year's chairman and set the date. The township board, area merchants and organizations have been involved in past years, Schroeder said.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall.

WEDNESDAYS Upton Planetarium Plans Special Program

The planetarium at Upton Junior High school, Maiden lane and Lincoln avenue in south St. Joseph, will present a program every Wednesday in April entitled: "Easter and the Calendar."

The program starts at 7:15 p.m. Admission is 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for school-age children. Persons desiring to make reservations or seeking information for group viewing can call Upton Junior High school (429-1566).

Ban On Free Books, School Supplies Proposed



HARRY GAST, JR.
State Representative

Gast Backs Constitutional Change

State Rep. Harry Gast, Jr., Stevensville, reported from Lansing that the elimination of the requirement for local school districts to supply free textbooks, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students, is the theme of a proposed constitutional amendment.

The 43rd district Republican expressed strong support for the proposal. He also criticized the state Supreme Court decision last year which resulted in school districts supplying the basic materials.

According to Gast, there is little difference between provisions of the 1963 and 1908

constitutions in respect to education and supplies used by students — except for the narrow ruling of the Supreme Court.

'REAL PROBLEM'

The freshman representative termed the result of the ruling "a very real problem." Gast cited what he termed a "growing spirit of waste and reckless utilization of the supplies which are provided free of charge and frequently without limit to the pupil."

Gast said the proposed constitutional amendment is before the House and Senate, and passage requires a two-thirds

vote in both chambers, followed by a vote of the people at the next general election. He emphasized that the resolution calls for continued free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law, "except that a school district is not required to furnish free textbooks or supplies and equipment with a normal life of less than one year, to its pupils."

Gast also reminded that what may be referred to as "free" books and supplies aren't really free at all.

BUDGETS DISRUPTED

Boards of education for public school districts throughout

southwestern Michigan have reported budgets being disrupted by the sudden requirement that many thousands of dollars be used from the budgets to buy the "free" textbooks and supplies. School superintendents have lamented that the massive extra outlays come at a time of mounting taxpayer resistance to higher taxes.

In this line, Gast said:

"Since this court decision, school districts have had to absorb this expense which inevitably must ultimately be borne by the property taxpayers, since no additional state aid has been provided for this purpose."

Taxpayer reaction is reflected by Gast's statement that "legislators find difficulty in explaining to taxpayers that this new development was as much as a surprise to them as it was to the general public, and that it did not result from any action which the Legislature had taken, or any substantial changes in the state constitution."

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

Text of the proposed resolution, as presented, is quoted by Gast:

"A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article 8 of the State Constitution to relieve school districts from furnishing free textbooks, supplies and equipment to pupils."

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, that the following amendment to Section 2 of Article 8 of the State Constitution, to relieve school districts from furnishing free textbooks, supplies and equipment to pupils, is proposed, agreed to and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE 8

"Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law, except that a school district is not required to furnish free textbooks or supplies and equipment with a normal life of less than one year, to its pupils. Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin."

"Resolved further, that the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state at the next general election in the manner provided by law."



SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: J. Parnell Dwan (left), manager of Musselman division fruit processing plants in St. Joseph and Paw Paw, presents \$2,000 scholarship grant to Lake Michigan college. Accepting the sixth such annual grant from the Musselman Foundation are Dean L. Kimmerly (front), chairman of LMC board of trustees and James L. Lehman, LMC president. Winner, to be selected by the college, can use scholarship for four years of college at LMC and at four-year institution during final two years. Sons or daughters of Musselman employees or of growers who supply fruit to firm, get consideration in selection of winner. (LMC photo)

Miss Blossomtime Contest Tickets Are Now On Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the final Miss Blossomtime contest Monday night, April 19, in the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

Twenty-eight community queens will vie for the coveted Miss Blossomtime title.

Co-chairmen of the pageant, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Johnson, announced that tickets have been sent to all participating communities in southwestern Michigan and can be obtained through community committee members.

Tickets range from \$3.50 for a limited number of reserved seats to \$3 and \$2.50 for general admission in lower and upper

bleacher sections, respectively.

Reserved seat and general admission tickets are on sale at Blossomtime headquarters, 311 Colfax avenue, Benton Harbor. General admission tickets are available in Benton Harbor at Gillespie Drug, Muir Drug and Talbot's Drug stores. In St. Joseph, tickets can be obtained at Gillespie Pharmacy and Milady's Shoppe.

The date for the final contest was erroneously reported in this newspaper yesterday as April 15. The correct date is April 19.

Senate Debates Bill On Absentee Owner Voting

LANSING (AP)—Amid warnings of possible financial disaster for some school districts, the Michigan Senate began debate Monday on a bill aimed at giving nonresident property owners the right to vote on certain local millage questions.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, would remove the residency requirement for voting on ad valorem tax questions. Zaagman said a state constitutional provision requiring six-month residency to vote in Mich-

igan would prohibit any out-of-state landowners from voting under the proposal.

But the bill, if approved and declared constitutional by the State Supreme Court, would allow a Detroit resident, for instance, to vote on certain millage questions in a district where he owned a summer cottage or resort property.

STRENGTHEN CONCEPT

Zaagman contended the bill would strengthen the concept of no taxation without representation.

"Just as colonists protested the tariffs imposed by the crown because they had no right to determine that burden," he declared.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, vehemently opposed the bill, saying most nonresident property owners would vote against increased local taxes.

"This would be completely disastrous for school millage elections," agreed Sen. John Toepf, R-Cadillac. "And it could become a very severe headache for clerks—they'd be deluged with letters from down-

state property owners asking for absentee ballots."

Sen. Gary Byker, R-Hudsonville, said the proposal carried the taxation with representation concept "beyond the bounds of reason."

'CASUAL CONCERN'

"It would allow me to vote in seven different school districts," he said, "but my children reside in only one of those districts, so I have only a very casual concern in six."

Byker implied that those property owners in similar circumstances probably would be inclined to vote against school taxes.

"My heart really doesn't bleed for absentee landlords," said Sen. Basil Brown, D-Highland Park. "They bought the property knowing they would have to pay taxes without voting on them. And this bill has terrific implications for urban territory," he continued. "I don't want those from the suburban areas coming into Detroit to defeat millages."

Zaagman said he believed his colleagues were wrong in assuming that all nonresident property owners would vote "no" on millage questions.

"There're not all concerned with their pocketbooks," he said. "I have faith in the people."

MORE ACCOUNTABLE

Besides expanding the representative taxation concept, Zaagman said the bill would help make local assessors more accountable for their actions. "People are more likely to support millage levies in properties that are assessed on a fair and equitable basis," he said.

Zaagman contended passage of the bill also would lead to a court decision resolving the question of whether or not government "has the right to levy a tax without the people having a voice in determining that tax."

He supported the Supreme Court amendment tacked onto the bill by Toepf. The provision, similar to one contained on the parochial aid bill, stipulates that the bill will not take effect until after a ruling on its constitutionality by the high court.

In other action Monday, the Senate moved into final vote position a bill authorizing 18-year-olds to become notaries public. The current age minimum for the job is 21.

Sen. Anthony Stamm, R-Kalamazoo, introduced a resolution calling for a five-member committee study of teacher training in Michigan.

Stamm's proposal, which would provide a \$100,000 senate grant for the study says "Legislative interest in Michigan education should not stop at the state and district level but should go even deeper," into the training of teachers and educational administrators by Michigan colleges and universities.

LMC Napier Campus Building Program Ahead Of Schedule

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

NILES — Phase II of Lake Michigan college's building program on the Napier avenue campus will be entirely completed before the end of May, some 30 to 45 days ahead of schedule.

In fact, President James Lehman and other administrators have been occupying new offices in the "administrative bridge" for the past two weeks already.

The closing steps of Phase II building and hopes that Phase III work will be underway for the 25th anniversary celebration next fall were outlined to the LMC trustees at their March meeting in Niles high school.

Approximately 15 Niles area residents attended the board's first meeting to be held at an outlying point in the college district.

President Lehman also had some good news for the audience. He said it appears the institution may complete the current fiscal year with a small surplus. It is still too early to predict the amount of the surplus, he said, but the prospects look favorable at this time to underspend the \$2.3 million budget.

Trustees last night advanced their April meeting date to Monday, April 12, so that they can adopt a tentative 1971-72 budget before the April 19 deadline for such action. Tuition rates for the next school year must also be set at the same time.

Board members approved full payment for construction of the second big parking lot on the new campus. It has been in use for student and faculty parking for a number of weeks already.

The newly-completed parking

lot has spaces for approximately 1,000 cars, and brings the total parking capacity of two big lots to some 2,200 vehicles at the commuter campus. A section in the new lot is reserved for faculty and administrative staff, with access to this section controlled by lift gates.

RESIGNATIONS

Resignations of two faculty members, effective at the close of the school year, were reported by the president. They were submitted by Mrs. Neva L. Bennett, reading specialist, and Miss Patricia Donist, who has been on leave this year to study for a Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan.

It was reported that LMC will be host to the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Community Colleges on May 21 and May 22. President Lehman said the officials of other community colleges across Michigan want to see LMC's lake and "island campus." May 22 also will be commencement day for the class of 1971.

Two Benton Harbor area firms were successful low bidders on two contracts. Benton Harbor Awning and Tent Co. was declared winner with a \$1,289 bid to supply 57 venetian blinds for windows in Phase II construction. R. W. Patterson printing firm was named winner of a college catalog printing job for \$6,150.

ACTION TABLED

Trustees last night tabled action on a contract with the Benton Harbor-Benton Township Model Cities program, under which the college will get \$58,700 to conduct a training program for professional and paraprofessional social agency personnel working in the Model Cities area.

The board's legal counsel, Atty. Harold Klute of Niles, reported the contract, a standard business contract form prepared by the Housing and Urban Development department, was scarcely adaptable to the conduct of an experimental educational program. "Just what the college is to do, or perform under the agreement, I just don't know." He did, however, recommend execution of the form.

Trustees voted, though, to table the contract to see if improvements can be made in the terminology.

FRIDAY NOON

Power At Hartford To Be Off Minute

The community of Hartford will be without electricity for one minute at noon Friday, while crews of Indiana & Michigan Electric company install new entrance cable at the Hartford substation facility.

John P. Banyon, Benton Harbor division manager of the utility, said that all advance preliminary work will be completed prior to the cable change to permit crews to keep the service interruption to a minimum of 60 seconds or less.

Banyon said the entrance cable change to the Hartford station circuit breakers would bolster the area distribution service and was part of I & M's continuing improvement and expansion program to accommodate growing electric power loads of its customers in southwestern Michigan.

Berrien Springs

Council To Hear Advice On Sewage Project Bids

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Village councilmen last night set April 5 to hear recommendations of their consulting engineers on 11 construction bids for a major expansion program at the village sewage treatment system.

The bids were opened in a special village meeting last night. The apparent lowest was \$574,210 from H. DeWulf Mechanical contractors of Mishawaka, Ind. The apparent highest bid of the 11 was \$803,298 from Montague-Keith construction company of Whitehall.

The expansion program stalled last December, when the council rejected earlier bids as too high. H. DeWulf, the apparent lowest bidder then too, offered a price of \$618,087. This was almost \$44,000 over its more recent offer.

The village council set their next regular meeting to hear the recommendations of their consulting engineers, Clyde E. Williams of South Bend. The firm earlier estimated cost of the project at about \$500,000.

Village President Edgar Kestrick expressed satisfaction that the project can now get off the ground. Next action to be taken is the sale of bonds for the local share of the project, he said.

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Sister Lakes Jaycees Seek New Members

SISTER LAKES — Jaycees here will sponsor a membership drive dance Friday night at the Sister Lakes fire station.

Robert Gard, chairman of membership, said young men between the ages of 21 and 35 and interested in serving their community, are invited to attend.

The dance is set for 8:30 p.m. and a band and refreshments will be provided.

BUCHANAN WOMAN

Drive Against Abortion Law Nets 1,000 Names

BUCHANAN — Mrs. A. Dean Thompson, sponsor of a petition drive aimed against proposed



SENATOR ZOLLAR
Vehemently Opposes Bill

liberalization of state abortion laws, said she had collected about 1,000 signatures in her campaign.

Mrs. Thompson, 603 C Red Bud Trail North, said the petitions had been gathered through March 15 a deadline she had set for getting names. She plans on presenting the petitions to state legislators who are considering proposed legislation to permit abortions if requested by the woman in the first 90 days of pregnancy.

Mrs. Thompson also said she plans on meeting with Sen. Philip Hart, D-Mich., in Washington D.C. to seek sponsorship of an amendment to the federal constitution guaranteeing the right of life from conception.

Mrs. Thompson launched her petition drive earlier this year in St. Anthony's Catholic church in Buchanan where she attends. She expanded the campaign to

other churches in the county because of the response.

GETS RESPONSE

According to Mrs. Thompson, both Harry Gast and DeForest Strang, state representatives from sections of Berrien county, had responded to her inquiries on receiving the petitions. She said State Sen. Charles O. Zollar had not.

The petitions state, "We the undersigned petition the honorable Congress of the State of Michigan to condemn as immoral and illegal any proposal to permit abortion on demand in the state of Michigan."

Although she had hoped to collect more signatures, Mrs. Thompson said, "What matters is that those who do feel as strongly as we, have an opportunity to express that belief to those people in the legislature who might otherwise not realize it."

